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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 25, 2002, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, without traverse, group I, claims 1-13 to prosecute in the above-identified patent application. Although there is no traversal, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the Restriction Requirement because it is the Applicant's belief that prosecuting both groups I and II would not unduly burden the Examiner. For example, group I is directed at a plasma confining assembly for minimizing unwanted plasma formations in regions outside of a process region in a process chamber and group II is directed at a plasma apparatus including a chamber and a plasma confinement assembly for preventing a plasma from forming outside of a process region.

Respectfully submitted,
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